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SYRIAN LEADERS STUDYING CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL

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(TEXT) SINCE THE SECURITY COUNCIL ISSUED ITS RESOLUTION THIS MORNING CALLING FOR A CEASE-FIRE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WAS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES AND WHICH THE TWO STATES JOINTLY SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THIS DECISION HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF STUDY BY THE CENTRAL COMMAND OF THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL FRONT AT A MEETING WHICH IT HELD THIS MORNING. IT WAS ALSO THE SUBJECT OF STUDY BY THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COMMANDS OF THE SOCIALIST ARAB BA'TH PARTY AT A JOINT MEETING WHICH WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

CONTACTS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH ARAB KINGS AND PRESIDENTS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION COMPRISES THREE CLAUSES CALLING ON ALL PARTIES TO THE PRESENT FIGHTING TO CEASE ALL FIRING AND TERMINATE ALL MILITARY ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY--NOT LATER THAN 12 HOURS FROM THE MOMENT OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL--IN THE POSITIONS THEY NOW OCCUPY. THE DECISION ALSO CALLS ON PARTIES CONCERNED TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 242 OF 1967 IN ALL OF ITS PARTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE. IT ALSO DECIDES THAT IMMEDIATELY AND CONCURRENTLY WITH THE CEASE-FIRE, NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BEGIN, UNDER THE APPROPRIATE AUSPICES, AMONG THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO THAT PRESIDENT ANWAR AS-SADAT HAS ISSUED ORDERS TO THE GENERAL COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES IN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT TO CEASE FIRING AT THE TIME SPECIFIED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL PROVIDED THAT THE ENEMY WILL ALSO ADHERE TO IT.

PRESIDENT ANWAR AS-SADAT TOOK THIS MEASURE AFTER STUDYING WITH EXTREME CARE THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND THE DETAILS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON IT.

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